

## Public Law 407

## CHAPTER 456

## AN ACT

June 24, 1952  
[S. 216]

To amend section 631b of title 5, United States Code, by adding a new subsection to be cited as subsection (c).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of November 26, 1940, chapter 919, title 1, section 2 (54 Stat. 1212), as amended (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 5, sec. 631b), is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) From and after the date of approval of this Act any person who shall have served for four years as a secretary, law clerk, or secretary and law clerk to any justice or judge of the United States, and whose separation from the service is involuntary and without prejudice, shall acquire, upon passing such suitable noncompetitive examination as the Civil Service Commission may prescribe, a classified civil-service status for transfer to a position in the classified civil service, notwithstanding any contrary provisions of the civil-service laws or regulations; but any individual who may hold such a position in the judicial branch must obtain such a transfer within one year from the date of separation and nothing in this Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 5, secs. 631a, 631b, 632, 635, 669, 681–684), shall be construed to impair any right of retransfer provided for under civil-service laws or regulations made thereunder."

Court employees.  
Civil-service  
status.

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## CHAPTER 457

## AN ACT

June 24, 1952  
[S. 2552]

To authorize the appointment of qualified women as physicians and specialists in the medical services of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all laws or parts of laws, which now or hereafter authorize appointment of male commissioned officers in each of the several corps of the medical service of the Regular Army, and the reserve components thereof, or as medical, dental, and Medical Service Corps officers of the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve, or as officers of the Air Force designated to perform medical, dental, veterinarian, or medical service duties, shall be construed to include authority to appoint female personnel thereunder and all laws and parts of laws now or hereafter applicable to male commissioned officers and former male commissioned officers of each of the several corps of the medical service of the Regular Army, and the reserve components thereof, or as medical, dental, and Medical Service Corps officers of the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve, or as officers of the Air Force designated to perform medical, dental, veterinarian, or medical service duties, and to their dependents and beneficiaries, shall, in like cases, be applicable to commissioned female officers and former commissioned officers so appointed and to their dependents and beneficiaries: *Provided*, That, except with respect to the Career Compensation Act of 1949, the husbands of female officers appointed under the provisions of this Act shall not be considered dependents unless they are in fact dependent on their wives for their chief support, and the children of such officers shall not be considered dependents unless their father is dead or they are in fact dependent on their mother for

Armed Forces.  
Women physi-  
cians and special-  
ists.

63 Stat. 802.  
37 USC 231note.

their chief support: *Provided further*, That the cognizant Secretary, under the circumstances and in accordance with regulations prescribed by the President, may terminate the commission of any officer appointed pursuant hereto.

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## AN ACT

June 24, 1952  
[S. 2748]

Authorizing vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore between United States ports on the Great Lakes during 1952.

Canadian ves-  
sels.  
Iron ore trans-  
portation.

46 USC 883.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, by reason of emergency conditions in transportation on the Great Lakes, notwithstanding the provisions of section 27 of the Act of June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 999), as amended by the Act of April 11, 1935 (49 Stat. 154), and by Act of July 2, 1935 (49 Stat. 442), or the provisions of any other Act, or regulation, vessels of Canadian registry shall be permitted to transport iron ore between United States ports on the Great Lakes until December 31, 1952, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation may designate.

Approved June 24, 1952.

## Public Law 410

## CHAPTER 459

## AN ACT

June 25, 1952  
[S. 3019]

To amend the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended, to extend the application of the special-inducement pay provided thereby to physicians and dentists, and for other purposes.

Career Compens-  
ation Act, amend-  
ment.  
63 Stat. 802.  
37 USC 231note,  
234.  
Physicians and  
dentists.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended, is further amended by—

(a) Amending subsection 203 (a) to read as follows:

“(a) The term ‘commissioned officers’, as used in this section, shall be interpreted to mean only (1) those commissioned officers in the Medical and Dental Corps of, or designated as medical or dental officers in, the Regular Army, Navy, and Air Force and commissioned medical and dental officers of the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service who were on active duty on September 1, 1947; (2) those commissioned officers in the Medical and Dental Corps of, or designated as medical or dental officers in, the Regular Army, Navy, and Air Force and commissioned medical and dental officers of the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, who were retired prior to September 1, 1947, and who thereafter but prior to July 1, 1953, have been or may be assigned to active duty; (3) those officers who, heretofore but subsequent to September 1, 1947, have been or who, prior to July 1, 1953, may be commissioned in the Medical and Dental Corps of, or designated as medical or dental officers in, the Regular Army, Navy, and Air Force or as medical and dental officers of the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service; (4) such officers who on September 1, 1947, were or who thereafter have been or may be commissioned in the Medical and Dental Corps of, or designated as medical or dental officers in, the Officers’ Reserve Corps, the United States Air Force Reserve, the Naval Reserve, the National Guard, the National Guard of the United States, the Air National Guard,